taken by the Reserve Bank of India in foreign exchange market;

(b) the reasons for the introduction of the reforms; and

(c) when will it be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) RBI is examining various recommendations on Forex Markets made by the Expert Group. Out of 33 major recommendations of the Expert Group, 10 directly relate to Forex Market Reforms, 3 of which have already been introduced.

The reforms are aimed at adding depth and liquidity to the market.

रायगढ़ जिले में सरकारी कर्मचारियों के सामान्य भविष्य निधि से आहरित धनराशि

3535. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के रायगढ़ जिले में वर्ष 1993-94 से 1995-96 तक की अवधि के दौरान सरकारी कर्मचारियों की सामान्य भविष्य निधि में महालेखाकार के पास जमा राशि में से अस्थायी निकासी, आंशिक अंतिम निकासी और अंतिम निकासी के रूप में क्रमशः कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आहरित की गई है;

(ख) इस प्रकार से आहरित धनराशि का विभाग-वार एवं वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान जमा राशि से अधिक आहरण कर लिये जाने के कितने प्रकरण विभाग-वार प्राप्त हुए तथा उस संबंध में की गई वसूली और कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस प्रकार के आहरण की स्वीकृति देने वाले अधिकारियों का पदनाम सहित ब्यौरा क्या है और उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है जिसे प्राप्त होते ही सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दिया जाएगा।

Uniform Provisioning Norms for Advance to M/s. Shaw Wallace & Company Ltd.

3536. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2263 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the uniform provisioning norms in respect of a particular non-performing advance were followed by the banks in the case of advance to M/s. Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd.; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that while four of the consortium Banks had classified the advance as sub-standard as on 31.03.1996, the remaining four banks which are members of the consortium have treated the advance as standard as on 31.3.1996. One of these four banks had subsequently classfied the advance as sub-standard as 31.5.96. The action of the participant banks which had classified this acount as standard is not in consonance with RBI's guidelines.

Country's Long, Medium and Short Term External Debt

3537. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1491 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1996 and state:

(a) the country's outstanding external debt, in rupees as well as U.S. dollars, as on 30th June, 1996 broken down into long, medium and short-term; and

(b) whether Government propose to enter into negotiations with external parties for liquidating a substantial part of this debt?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE & MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Ac-